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Fair to the Minority

Since the republican party ascended to the majority position in state politics and the democratic party has had to occupy the minority relation, there has been no effort on the part of republican leaders to follow the long established precedent set by the democrats of ignoring minority leaders. They have been treated fairly and recognized for their public services and as citizens entitled to a part in public affairs. They have been shown far more consideration by the present administration than republicans ever received from a democratic administration. In fact, the only antagonisms which have arisen have been of their own creation.

Last winter, when Governor Hadley was endeavoring to co-work with the democratic senators to accomplish many good things for the public welfare in a purely patriotic spirit, a coterie of democratic senators sought to give partisan color to everything he proposed and to defeat his propositions as a matter of partisan policy. They made violent, and some of them abusive, attacks upon him. They defeated good measures on the theory that the adoption of them would strengthen Hadley politically. They joined hands with the lobby against several important measures when their own interests were jeopardized by doing so. Because they were disappointed in seeing the office of bank commissioner, created by the senate in 1907 for a popular democrat, placed in the hands of a more popular republican, they defeated a necessary measure for perfecting the banking laws, expecting that the banking department would thereby be crippled and made ineffective and that Mr. Swanger would suffer politically. They refused to provide for necessary revenue to support the administration of Governor Hadley, expecting in that way to make his record as governor defective and to prevent the successful execution of promises made by him and his party to the people.

Notwithstanding all this, the governor has pursued a policy of courtesy and fairness toward leading men of the minority party, honoring them with membership on state boards, naming them as representatives of the state to important national meetings and otherwise showing favors such as democratic governors have seldom extended to republicans. Even the St. Louis Republic has taken note of this policy and has editorially commended it. Only a few days ago he named former Governor Folk as a member of the conservation commission for Missouri and to be the chief representative of the state at the meeting of conservation commissioners of the southern states to be held in New Orleans in November, adding his name to the list of members of the Missouri waterways commission, of which former Governor Dockery is a member, having been appointed by Governor Hadley when the commission was first created. Eminent democrats have been appointed on boards controlling eleemosynary institutions when the governor could have named republicans just as well, and, in fact, when he had to turn down republican applicants.

Down east where there are some who spend \$25,000 on a supper for a dog, while others can't get what a dog would ordinarily be satisfied with, is a good breeding place for socialism.

Seed Testing for Missouri Farmers

A seed testing laboratory for the benefit of Missouri farmers and seedsmen is being operated at the agricultural college at Columbia, in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture. The farmers of Missouri are wasting annually thousands of dollars in buying seeds of poor quality and a large share of this could be saved by having all seeds tested at the laboratory. This work is done free of charge and it is to the advantage of every farmer to have this work done.

Seeds should be sent in care of Seed Testing Laboratory, Columbia, Mo. For small seeds like grass and clovers, a tablespoonful is sufficient. For large seeds, such as wheat, oats, etc., three or four tablespoonfuls should be submitted. These samples should bear the name and address of the sender and a letter should accompany them stating whether a purity test is wanted or whether the seed is to be tested for both purity and germination.

Where a purity test is desired, a report can be returned within a week. Where a germination test is desired, it takes a few days longer.

The number of pernicious weeds that are being distributed over the state in the various kinds of grasses, clovers and other seeds are many of them dangerous pests and it is to the interest of every man to know exactly what he is sowing. He should also know the germinating qualities of the seeds he uses. This information is at the disposal of the farmers of Missouri, with no cost to them. It is frequently possible to secure samples of seeds from the various sources, have them tested and then buy on the results of the tests.

THE DeGRAW

On Friday, October 1, the DeGraw Theatre will open the regular season of 1909-10 with "The Man of the Hour." For the past two years this attraction has been one of the leading metropolitan successes, one of the really strong plays, and the management has secured it in an effort to test the feeling of the people of Brookfield and the neighboring towns as to whether or not they want the high-class city shows. In fact, it is the intention to make this a banner season in theatricals. Many high-class attractions have already been booked. "The Blue House" will be here; also "Moses, Prince of Egypt" a great religious play; "The House of 1,000 Candles," "The Old Clothes Man," Frazee's biggest musical attraction, "The Girl at the Helm, the noted Broadway show, "The Climax." McCauley will be seen in the "Little Homestead." There will be a number of other good plays, as well as some first-class stock companies.

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According to ancient mythology, Orpheus went to Hades to find a wife, but some married men can't understand why it was necessary.

DO NOT BELIEVE COOK A 'FAKER'

Scientists Say He Would Not Dare to Claim Honor Without Abundant Proof

Is Dr. Cook a faker?

This question has aroused far more discussion in Washington than the question, "Is the new tariff law a revision downward?"

Commander Peary's fellow officers generally deprecate his attack upon the Brooklyn explorer. Under service regulations, naval officers are barred from discussing the merits of the controversy for publication, but many of them have contended privately that nothing Cook has yet said or written about his exploits warrants the charge that he is faking.

Among those who have examined critically all of Dr. Cook's statements thus far published is a distinguished officer of the navy now stationed in Washington, and who is recognized as one of the foremost astronomers in the country. In his opinion, it would be preposterous for anyone with even an inkling of scientific knowledge to hope to triumph into such a deceit as has been ascribed to Dr. Cook.

Discussing Dr. Cook's claims, this officer said: "Not only must the claimant for the honor for first reaching the pole submit to the scientists of the world his record of daily observations—that is, latitude, weather conditions, etc.—but he must also be prepared to submit every scrap of paper which contains his calculations. Dr. Cook is quoted as saying that he has this very evidence. If that is true, he knows full well the ordeal to which his claims will be subjected—and that, to my mind, is sufficient indication that he is not a faker.

"I regard it as practically impossible for any man to 'fake' a record which would be accepted by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, for instance, or by any body of reputable scientists.

"I feel certain that no man who has had experience in polar exploration and has at least an inkling of scientific methods would ever lay claim to the honor of discovering the pole unless he was dead sure that his record bore out his contentions. And it is equally certain to my mind that such a man would never attempt the practically impossible task of 'faking' these records."

Notice to Members

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Linn County, Missouri, will be held in Linneus opera house on Saturday, October 2, at 9 o'clock a. m., sharp.

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